



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System

DATE: July 7, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 4, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with the California Department of Aging for the Title V Program of the Older Americans Act of 1965 for FY 2009-10

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the President of the Board to execute Agreement No. TV-0910-08 with the California Department of Aging for funding under the Title V Program of the Older Americans Act of 1965 for the continuation of the Senior Community Services Employment Program for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$157,153; and
2. Authorizing the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the funding amount by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

BACKGROUND:

Every four years the Board, as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of San Mateo County, is required to submit a Planning and Service Area Plan for aging services to the California Department of Aging (CDA). The State also requires that counties submit annual updates identifying revised goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year in order to claim their allotted Older Americans Act (OAA) funds, which are determined through a statewide funding formula. The plan provides a profile of the County's older adults and adults with disabilities population, identifies activities to improve and expand existing services as well as to develop new programs designed to address current countywide needs, and recommends services to be funded with the County's OAA allocation. On April 28, 2009, your Board approved the 2009-2012 Area Plan for Services to Older Persons and Adults with Disabilities. This plan, together with the annual budget, fulfills CDA's requirements and generates contracts from CDA for funding of various OAA programs, including Title V.

DISCUSSION:

The Title V Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) supports the training and placement of low-income older adults in subsidized positions in community service agencies throughout San Mateo County. The subsidized employment through SCSEP provides a maximum of 19 part-time training positions to prepare individuals for unsubsidized work. Because of the higher minimum wage in California, the State funds only 15 of these positions. The subsequent placement and retention of trained individuals in unsubsidized positions as a result of their employment in subsidized positions is the successful outcome of this program and is reflected in the performance measure. The targeted population for this program includes low-income individuals who face significant barriers to employment including lack of work experience, an unstable home environment, cultural and linguistic barriers, and mental health concerns.

Employment services are part of the group of supportive services funded with the County's OAA allocation and are provided by a community-based agency. Funds from this Agreement make up a portion of the funds spent in the community for these services. The community-based agency provides additional funds to enhance services. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement and Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 by providing opportunities for San Mateo County older adults and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence and dignity through employment and real gains in income.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Number and percentage of participants who have successfully obtained unsubsidized placement as a result of the Title V Senior Community Services Employment Program	3*/21%	4/26%

*There were 14 participants in FY 2008-09 of which 3 participants were placed in unsubsidized employment.

The number and percentage of participants who successfully obtained unsubsidized placement as a result of their work experience in a subsidized position was lower than anticipated in FY 2008-09 due to fewer unsubsidized positions available in the community and a cut in FY 2008-09 State funding. AAS staff are working with the current community provider to increase the number of unsubsidized placements in the community. The goal for FY 2009-10 is for four individuals who participated in the 15 subsidized training positions to be placed in an unsubsidized placement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Agreement is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Execution of this Agreement with CDA allows the County to claim its allocation of OAA funding for the Title V Program for FY 2009-10. The total amount of the Agreement is \$157,153 in federal funds. Revenues and expenses related to this Agreement have been included in the AAS tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. There is no Net County Cost.

